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The Noe Valley Parishes

Rev. Mario P. Farana, Pastor

St. Paul's Catholic Church

Mass Schedule:

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sundays: 8:00 and 9:15 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel
Confession/Reconciliation:
Saturdays 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
or by appointment.

Sacramental Programs:

Religious Education: Grades K- 8
Saturdays: 9:30-11:00 a.m. (Sept-May)
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Confirmation Preparation: Grades 9-12,
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Baptism Preparation for Parents:
First **Tuesday** of the month, 7:00 PM at the
Rectory

Marriage Preparation: contact rectory 6
months prior to wedding date

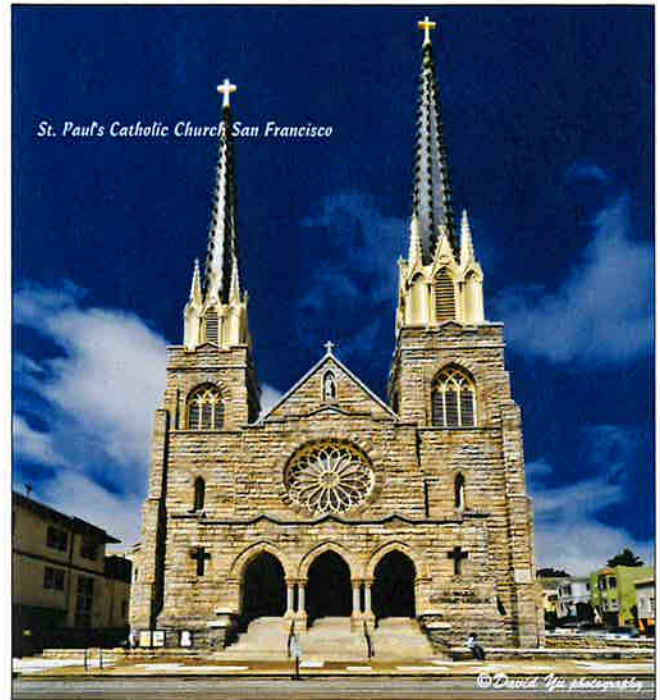
RCIA Program: *Rite of Christian Initiation:*
Terri Brady and Deacon Bill McLoughlin
(October-May)

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April 6th Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year C

- First Reading – [Isaiah 43:16-21](#): God, who controls nature and armies, urges to forget the past and see His new works: paths in wilderness, rivers in deserts, providing for His chosen people, made to praise Him.
- Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 126](#): When the Lord restored Zion, our joy was like a dream, filled with laughter and praise. Nations recognized His great deeds. We pray for continued restoration and joyful harvest.
- Second Reading – [Philippians 3:8-14](#): Everything is considered a loss compared to knowing Christ. Righteousness comes from faith, not law. Striving to know Christ's power and share His sufferings, we press on towards eternal life with Him.
- Gospel – [John 8:1-11](#): At the temple, Jesus encountered a woman accused of adultery, brought by scribes and Pharisees seeking to trap him. He responded wisely, suggesting only a sinless person should cast the first stone. This led her accusers to depart, and Jesus, left alone with the woman, chose not to condemn her, advising her to abandon her sinful life.

If your parish is doing the RCIA scrutinies, use the [readings for Year A](#) instead.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday [Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62](#) [Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6](#) [John 8:12-20](#)

Tuesday [Numbers 21:4-9](#) [Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21](#) [John 8:21-30](#)

Wednesday [Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95](#) [Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56](#) [John 8:31-42](#)

Thursday [Genesis 17:3-9](#) [Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#) [John 8:51-59](#)

Friday [Jeremiah 20:10-13](#) [Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7](#) [John 10:31-42](#)

Saturday [Ezekiel 37:21-28](#) [Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13](#) [John 11:45-56](#)

Sunday [Luke 19:28-40](#) [Isaiah 50:4-7](#) [Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24](#), [Philippians 2:6-11](#) [Luke 22:14—23:56](#)

April 6th Fifth Sunday of Lent

For elected officials:

May they work to protect human life
from conception to natural death;

let us pray to the Lord



CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday	April 7 th	Men of St. Paul's Meeting 7:30
Tuesday	April 8 th	Lenten Spiritual Journey 9:30am Stations of the Cross 6pm followed by Soup Supper
Wednesday	April 9 th	GALA Dinner Dance meeting 6pm Confirmation Class 6:45pm
Thursday	April 10 th	
Friday	April 11 th	Stations of the cross following 8:30am Mass
Saturday	April 12 th	Faith Formation (CCD) 9:30am to 11am
Sunday	April 13 th	Coffee & Donuts following 9:15am Mass RCIA Following 9:15am Mass

ST. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK

Weekly Collection: March 23, 2025	\$ 2,492.85
Secon Collection – Community Outreach	\$ 838.00
E Collection March, 2025	\$ 8,378.00

PLEASE RETURN YOUR RICE BOWL DONATIONS THE WEEKEND OF PALM SUNDAY,

April 12th/13th 2025

**Place your donation in the big Rice Bowl on the
Altar**

Morning Stations of the Cross 2025

We are pleased to announce the schedule for the Stations of the Cross at St. Paul's Catholic Church for the year 2025. This sacred tradition will take place from March 7, 2025, through April 11, 2025, every Friday morning.

Schedule:

- Dates: April 4, 2025,
- Day: Every Friday morning
- Time: 9am, in the Chapel following the 8:30am Mass

Join us in the Chapel after the 8:30am Mass to walk through the Stations of the Cross, reflecting on the Passion of Christ. This is a time for prayer, reflection, and devotion, as we journey together towards Easter.

We look forward to your participation in this solemn and meaningful tradition.

St. Paul's Catholic Church

Evening Stations of the Cross and Sour supper 2025

Event Details

- Date: April 8, 2025
- Day: Tuesday Evenings
- Time: 6pm
- Location: Chapel under the Church

Additional Information

- Following the Stations of the Cross, there will be a Soup Supper. This weeks soup supper is hosted by the Rectory
- The Soup Supper will take place in the Social Hall under the Church.

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for: Mary Alves, Dennis Kujawa

For those who have died: Deacon Jim Myers, Angela Guevarra, Thelma Ramos,



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Mass 4:30pm

Luis Echegoyen. Sr. (D)

Miguel Ugarte (D)

Maria Ugarte (D)

Marlene Ugarte (D)

Sunday Mass 8:00am

William Strachan (D)

Peter Paul Petrini (D)

Alfred and Carmela Raffo (D)

Sunday Mass 9:15am

Sharon Hing (D)

Mel Chua (D)

Martin & Katherine King (D)

Monday 8:30am

Collin Lee (D)

Tuesday 8:30am

Nicolas Baltazar (L)

Wednesday 8:30am

People of St. Paul's (L&D)

Thursday 8:30am

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Friday 8:30am

People of St. Paul's (L&D)

Saturday Mass 4:30pm

Josephine & Jack Shea (D)

Sunday Mass 8:00am

People of St. Paul's (L&D)

Sunday Mass 9:15am

People of St. Paul's (L&D)



Additional Announcements April 6, 2025

St. Paul's Catholic Church Lenten Spiritual Journey 2025

Please join Deacon Bill on a weekly Spiritual Journey during the Lenten Season.

- Schedule April 8, 2025

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30am

Host: Deacon Bill McLoughlin

Location: In the Rectory

Mass Time Change

Please make note that the 9:15am Mass will change to 9:30am on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Ministry Schedule Sign-Up Sheet Please sign up for the ministries you are available to serve in during Palm Sunday and Easter services. We appreciate your dedication and service to our congregation during these important celebrations. Sign-up sheet is located in the Sacristy

Thank you to all that Donated on March 2, 2025

"As I have done for you"...Jesus spilled all His Blood for us and So Many are grateful to the following for donating their blood March 2, 2025

Gail Alvarenga Maria Di Donato Kimberly Hancock Taylor Jang Emily Kalanithi Kruthika Katragadda, Margaret Leahy Louise Leninger Jacqueline Lytle Mace Mamlock Steven March Mary McFadden, Nilza Monroy James Moon Jean Francois Mule Karine Mule Glenda Ramirez Alvarado Andrew Rush, Daniel Shea Jarrod Silva Leah Tarlen Philip Vahey Rommel Ventocilla Carol Vogel Jonathan Wetmore, Holly Zhou

Our next Blood Drive is already online for registration: June 22, 2025, from 8:30am-1:00pm

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
2025 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 13, 2025

SATURDAY 4:30pm VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY 8am, 9:30am,

PLEASE NOTE THE 9:15am MASS TIME CHANGE TO 9:30am

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17, 2025

6:00pm, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Adoration begins after Mass; the Church will close at 8pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18, 2025

11am – Noon, THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

NOON – 3pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19, 2025

3:30pm – 4:15pm, THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:00pm EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20, 2025

SUNDAY 8am, 9:30am

PLEASE NOTE: THE 9:15am MASS TIME CHANGE TO 9:30am



Calla Lilies/Plants Needed

We need Calla Lilies and Plants to decorate the Church for
Holy Week / Easter Services

We need Calla Lilies for our **Holy Thursday Service**. Please bring your
donations Tuesday or Wednesday,
April 15th & 16th, 2025



We also need Easter Lilies and Potted Spring flowers and Easter Lilies for our
Easter Services. Please bring your donations to the Rectory by
Friday April 18, 2025



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - It's St. Paul's big spring social event!



Dress colorfully, sway smoothly, and bid boldly at our tropical gala-auction!

Under the Island Stars is our premier Fun- and Fund-Raising event, benefitting both the Parish and School. Attend and enjoy the tropical ambience, cocktails and silent auction, dinner and live auction, plus dancing.

SOUNDS GREAT – WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

DONATE

Silent and live auctions are a big part of our fundraising to support St. Paul's. There are many ways to contribute to the auctions, for example:

- *Perhaps you can donate a special bottle or small collection of wine*
- *Or consider donating sports or theatre tickets, everyone loves a fun experience*
- *If you own an AirBnB vacation spot, let's discuss making it available*

You will make a difference and gain a tax deduction. Bring wine bottles to the Rectory and make other donations through the website.

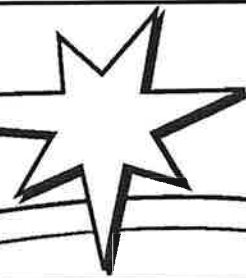
PLAN TO ATTEND

Printed invitations will be sent in the mail. You don't have to wait – get more information or buy your tickets online NOW. Scan the QR code with your mobile phone or go to stpaulsf.org/stars2025

QUESTIONS? *Talk with Joe Heinen after 9:15 Mass or Email Auction@stpaulsf.net*



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April 2025



Thoughtful Moments

St. Catherine of Siena

Born in 1347, St. Catherine of Siena experienced divine visions from a young age. Rejecting marriage over her mother's objections, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and embraced a life of poverty, prayer, and charity. Known for her wisdom, she became a sought-after advisor and peacemaker. Her theological contributions and spiritual writings earned her the title of Doctor of the Church, recognizing her lasting influence on Catholic doctrine and devotion.



PACT — prayers on the go

If you have just a few minutes to pray as a family, focus on the four essential forms of prayer: Petition, Adoration, Contrition, and Thanksgiving. Entrust all your concerns to God, reflect on His goodness and love, seek His forgiveness in areas where you have fallen short, and express gratitude for His many gifts — especially His mercy. Amen!

"In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" (John 16:33).



Sunday Mass: a sacred invitation – will you accept?

If a friend invited your family to dinner and told you Jesus would be there, wouldn't you do whatever it took to attend, knowing the immeasurable blessing of being in His presence? Each time Mass is celebrated, Jesus is truly present. Do whatever it takes to attend every Sunday Mass so your family is blessed by:

Nourishment for the Soul – Just as parents ensure their children eat well to grow strong and healthy, Jesus provides the spiritual food we need to strengthen our souls. The Eucharist is not just symbolic; it sustains and transforms us.

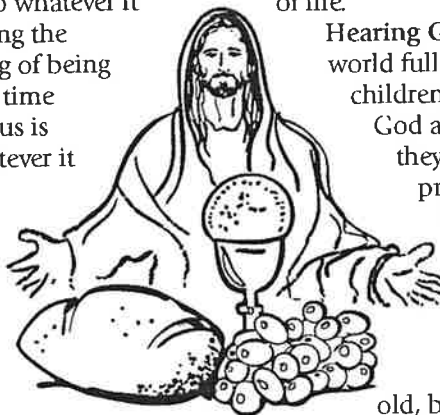
Obedience to God – He explicitly calls us to keep the Sabbath holy. Bringing children to Mass teaches them

to prioritize God's law, reinforcing the importance of obedience in all aspects of life.

Hearing God's Word – In a world full of distractions, children must learn to listen to God above all else. At Mass, they hear Scripture proclaimed, forming a habit of recognizing and responding to His voice.

Belonging to a family – Every Catholic, young and old, belongs to God's family, the Church. *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matthew 18:20). Children bless others simply by being active members.

Regular Mass attendance isn't just a duty—it's a gift that helps children become spiritually strong.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics observe Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, recalling Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Crowds honored Him with palm branches, shouting "Hosanna!" During Mass, we receive blessed palms, symbolizing victory and the

Why do Catholics commemorate Palm Sunday?



fleeting nature of human praise. The liturgy includes the reading of Christ's Passion, shifting from joy to solemnity, preparing us for His suffering and sacrifice.

This day calls for solemn and thoughtful preparation for the most solemn week of the year and the joy of Easter.

Make Easter joy last all year

Easter joy isn't meant for just one morning—it's meant to be lived every Sunday. As Pope John Paul II reminded us, *"Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death" (Dies Domini)*. Keep that joy alive by making every Sunday a "little Easter."

Joy follows sacrifice. Just as darkness precedes the dawn, atonement for sin prepares us to fully experience Easter's triumph. Make Fridays penitential in your home—share meatless meals, fast from entertainment,

go to Confession, serve others through acts of charity.

Rejoice in second chances. Jesus knows our good intentions don't always hold, so He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Go as a family at least once a month. When children see you seeking God's mercy, they'll know it's there for them too.

Immerse yourself in the Mass. It's not meant to be observed but lived. Read the Scriptures beforehand, sing wholeheartedly, and pray with intention. Celebrate the Resurrection with true joy.



Scripture LESSON

John 20:19-31, Mercy triumphs over doubt

Poor Thomas! Despite his years of faithful discipleship, he will forever be known as "the Doubter." Even after witnessing Jesus' miracles firsthand for several years, he struggled to believe in the Resurrection. Not even the testimony of multiple eyewitnesses could convince him that his Lord had returned.

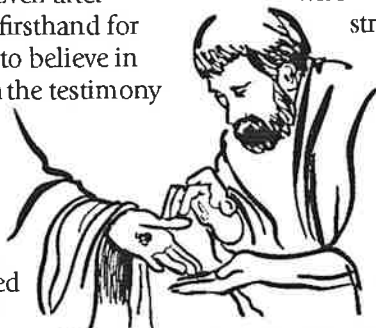
Yet Jesus, in His mercy, met Thomas in his doubt. A week later, Jesus appeared to him, offering the proof Thomas needed—even inviting him to touch His wounds. Thomas hesitated, but when confronted with the Truth, he embraced it.

What can a parent do? Remind

children that God is not troubled by our questions or doubts, especially when we say, "I'm

struggling—please help me." As we grow in faith, we will encounter ideas that challenge or confuse us. In those moments, we can turn to God in prayer and seek wisdom in the teachings of the

Church, guided by the Holy Spirit. St. Thomas' journey of doubt ultimately led him into deeper intimacy with Christ. The same can be true for us—if we are willing to seek and trust.



Parent TALK

For more than a week, Tessa came home upset about the environment in her classroom. The way Tessa told it, the teacher had little

control over the class, nor any idea of what the kids were up to when her back was turned. When it continued into the next week, I decided to

email the teacher to tell her I wasn't happy.

As I started typing, I realized I wasn't being fair. What if Tessa wasn't giving me the whole story? Shouldn't I be helpful rather than critical?

My email instead asked for a meeting and the teacher responded immediately. When we met, she acknowledged that there were issues in class but detailed the excellent steps she was taking to get on top of them. Further, she had suggestions for how I could support her at home.

This experience convinced me to be a partner rather than a critic.



Feasts & Celebrations

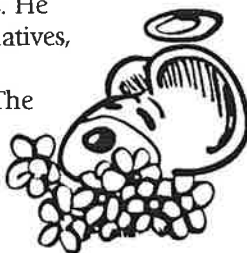
April 7 – St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (1719). St. John was born at Rheims, France, to a noble family, and was ordained a priest in 1678. He taught groups of poor and rich children together – which was unusual for that time. He formed the Brothers of the Christian School, a successful community of educators.

April 13 – Palm Sunday. This Sunday recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when He was greeted by crowds waving palms. It marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 23 – St. Adalbert of Prague

(997). St. Adalbert was bishop of Prague, but his evangelizing activities earned him enemies and he was forced to leave. He was later invited by the Duke of Poland to evangelize Pomerania and Hungary and was martyred.

April 28 – St. Peter Chanel (1841). St. Peter Chanel entered the Society of Mary and was sent to evangelize the Marshall Islands. He baptized a few natives, including the chieftain's son. The entire island converted two years after his martyrdom.



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

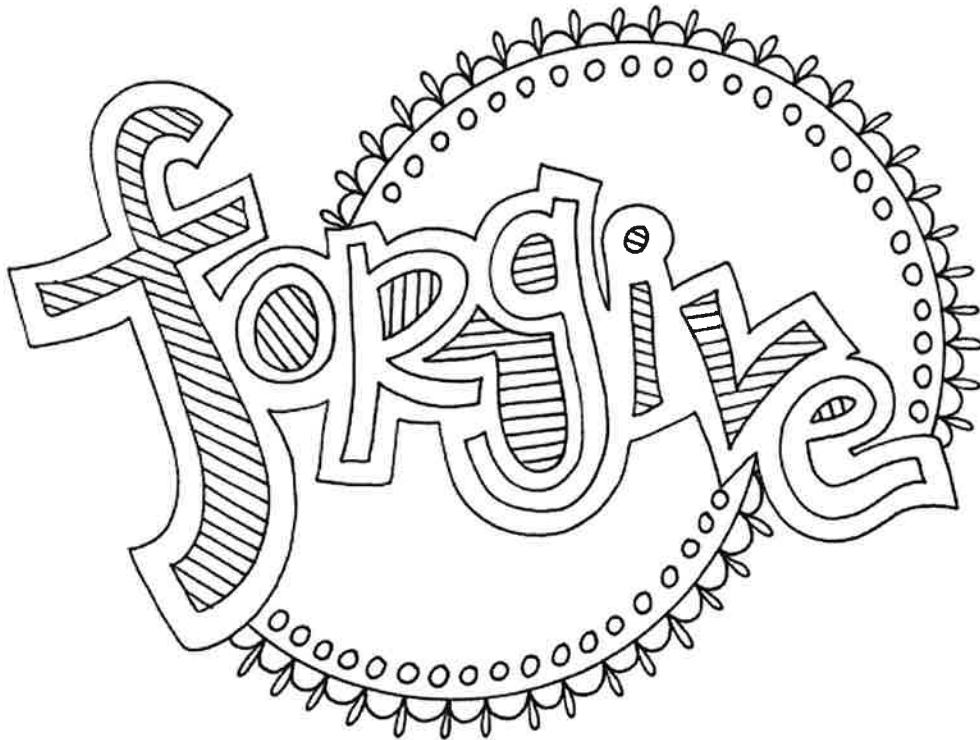
"Jesus forgives a woman"

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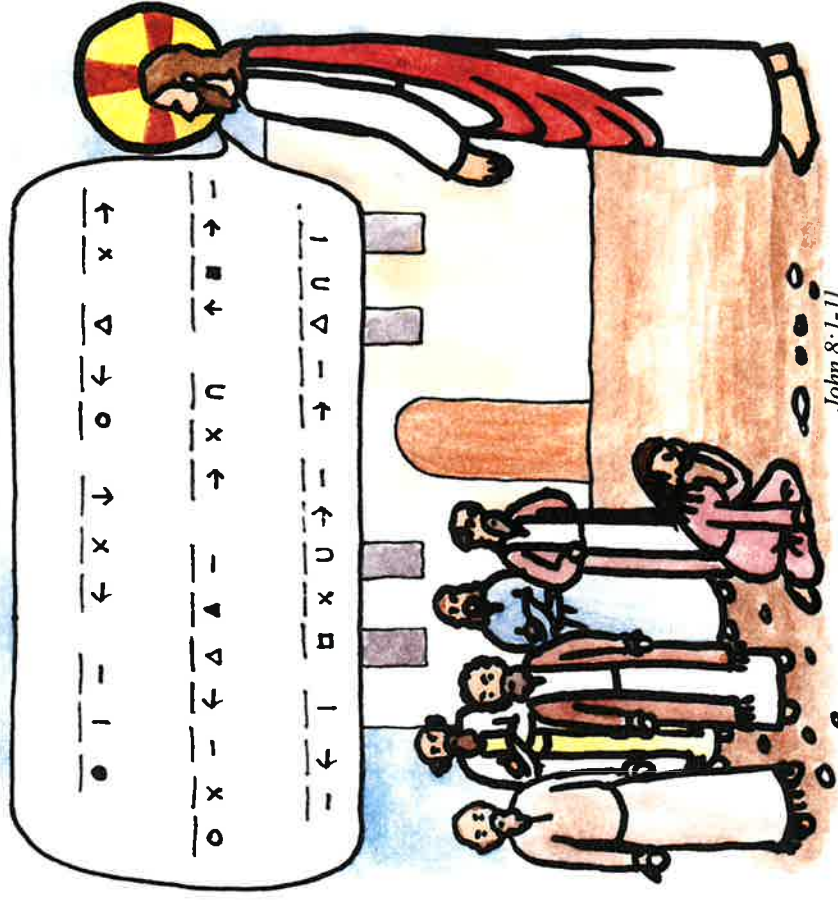
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The Kids' Bulletin

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6th, 2025**



**SIN NO
MORE..**

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

Answers: front: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."
Answers to True or False:
1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True
5. False 6. True 7. True

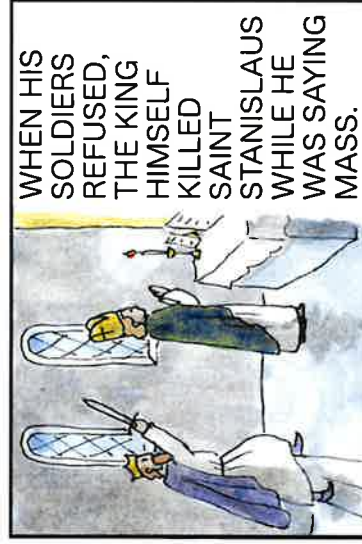
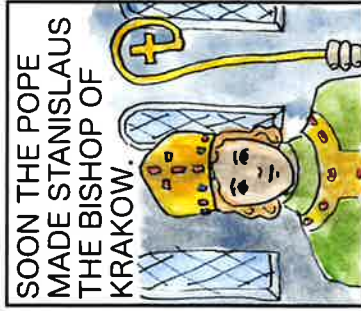
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A C E F H I L M N O R S T U W

Saint Stanislaus of Krakow

April 11



SAINT STANISLAUS WAS NOT AFRAID TO TELL THE KING WHEN HE WAS DOING SOMETHING BAD, EVEN THOUGH IT PUT HIS LIFE IN DANGER. WE CAN BE LIKE HIM BY PRAYING FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND NOT BEING AFRAID TO TELL THE TRUTH EVEN IF THE GOVERNMENT IS WRONG.

True or False?

In today's Gospel reading the scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman in front of Jesus. Do you know the rest of the story? See if you know which of these statements are true and which are false:

1. The law said that a sinful woman like this one should be killed. True or False?
2. The men were going to stone the woman anyway- they didn't care what Jesus thought. True or False?
3. Jesus didn't say anything right away; He just started writing on the ground with His finger. True or False?
4. Jesus said that whichever of the men had never sinned should be the first to throw a stone at the woman. True or False?
5. One of the men threw a stone at her. True or False?
6. All of the men walked away without throwing a stone. True or False?
7. Jesus forgave the woman and told her not to sin anymore. True or False?

